

VILLA FAR OUTSTRIPS PURSUERS

Bandit Leader Reported Far in Advance
U. S. Cavalry on Road to Durango
City; Villa's Wound Inflicted
by Mexican

ARMY OFFICERS ON BORDER UNEASY

Watching Carranzista Movements With
Concern; Pershing Sends List of
Wounded in Battle at Guerrero
on March 29

By United Press.
El Paso, Tex., April 11.—Far in advance of the American cavalry, who are reported to have crossed the Durango state line, Villa today was reported to have reached Tepic, Oahuac on the state road to Durango city.

Arrivals from Chihuahua City today brought information which stated that Villa's injury resulted on March 30 when Andreas Rehaza, a Mexican, shot the bandit through the leg after the daughter of Rehaza had been outraged. Villa's men caught Rehaza, it is reported, and the bandit personally shot him in the head, killing him.

General Gabriel Gaviro, Carranza commander at Juarez, Monday night announced that the forces of the de facto government were in a position to take immediate control of the Villa situation if the American troops withdrew.

Officers Anxious.

By United Press.
Columbus, N. M., April 11.—"We are watching the Carranzista movements with anxiety," said an army officer of undeniable standing today, following baseless rumors resulting from the presence of Carranzistas near the border, ostensibly to flank the Villistas.

Silver City asked the state authorities to send militia there for protection but the state officials, having complete confidence in the regular army, no guardsmen were sent.

Five Wounded.

By United Press.
San Antonio, Tex., April 11.—Gen. Pershing today wired Gen. Funston a list of the American soldiers wounded in the fight at Guerrero on March 29, in which sixty Villistas were killed. The report changed the number of wounded from four to five.

The wounded were Private Thomas Brown, shot in the cheek, back and shoulders; B. P. Menderville, two slight wounds; Private Joseph Bonnet, shot in the ankle; Private Joseph Garbell, shot in the arm; Private Walter Gardner, shot in the left arm.

Funston is expecting a report on a long distance conversation between Pershing, at Cuernavaca, and Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua City.

Mexicans Executed.

By United Press.
Juarez, April 11.—Three Mexicans were executed here today by a firing squad for conspiracy against the de facto government. It was alleged that they plotted to capture Juarez.

By United Press.
El Paso, Tex., April 11.—Other persons arriving here later in the day from Chihuahua City said four other foreigners and a number of Mexicans were murdered when the Villistas murdered Americans at Minaca. It was claimed that the Carranzistas made no attempt to help.

General Gaviro's statement was made in connection with the announcement of Major General Scott, chief of staff of the American army, that the purpose of the expeditionary force would be considered accomplished when the Villista bands were dispersed or "as soon as the de facto government is able to relieve them of the work."

"We have more men than enough now," said General Gaviro. "If we were able to overcome Villa when he had seventy thousand men, over a hundred cannon and plenty of supplies we ought to be able to dispose of him now when his numbers have dwindled to a few hundred. But it is a big territory to operate in and a

single man has more chance to escape and hide than a large force would have. However, on account of Villa's wounded condition we think he will be taken soon. If not it is hardly likely that without proper surgical care he will survive for long."

WILSON AND SHERMAN FAVORITES

By United Press.
Springfield, Ill., April 11.—With only two candidates in the field: Woodrow Wilson on the Democratic ticket and Lawrence V. Sherman, Illinois' favorite son, to head the Republican party, the first Illinois presidential preference primary is being held today.

Because there are no bitter contests leaders declare the strength of their respective parties will hardly be indicated by the result.

There are a few districts however, where Republican and Progressive aspirants to the convention have filed "no preference" petitions, where a heavy vote is expected.

Because all these fights are being waged in the Republican ranks, Democratic politicians declare their opponents' vote will be considerably larger than that of the democrats and emphasize that the vote today will not indicate the returns of the presidential election Nov. 7.

The Republicans say they expect a 200,000 plurality this year. Under normal conditions this state is Republican with a plurality of 100,000.

The state and county primaries will be held Sept. 13.

CUMMINS WINNER

By United Press.
Des Moines, Iowa, April 11.—Woodrow Wilson, who was unopposed in the election yesterday, was the choice of Iowa Democrats for the presidential nomination in the first preferential primary for president ever held in the state. Gov. Elliot W. Major of Missouri was nominated for vice president on the same ticket.

On the face of the returns received thus far it is thought that Senator Cummings received a plurality of the Republican votes for the presidential nomination. The Hughes boom proved a reality, defeating Roosevelt.

ROAD GANG GOES TO RUSH SPRINGS

Nim Wyatt and Bill Looney, who are the officers in charge of the county road gang, arrived in Chickasha this morning and will take charge of eight prisoners, including one or two city prisoners, now in the county jail, and remove them to the road camp now established on the Fred Jacobs farm, four miles west of Rush Springs on the Rush Springs-Sterling road.

The camp has already been established and work will begin on the road early tomorrow morning. The first work to be done will consist of grubbing and clearing right-of-way through the timbered section traversed by the road.

J. W. PERKINS BURIED

J. W. Perkins died last night at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Kendall, 15th South 8th street, following a protracted illness. Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2:30 from the undertaking parlors of Claycomb and Anderson, Rev. G. Lyle Smith of the Christian church officiating. Deceased was 37 years of age and is survived by a widow and three children.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma.

Tonight fair; warmer. Wednesday partly cloudy.
Local Temperature.
During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:
Maximum, 75; minimum, 50.

CLIMAX OF BATTLE IS IMMINENT

German Waves Rolling Heavily Against
Defenses of Verdun and Fighting
Hourly Grows Fiercer, French
Lines are Firm

MORE GAINS ARE CLAIMED BY BERLIN

Capture Position Near Fort Douaumont and
Ten Square Miles on West Bank
of Meuse; Teutonic Losses
Large

By United Press.
London, April 11.—The Germans, in their attacks during the past twelve hours on the Verdun front, were checked by a sheet of fire from every section except the barren northeastern ridge of Deadman's Hill where they succeeded in gaining a foothold.

German Statement.

By United Press.
Berlin, April 11.—The war office announced today the capture of more French positions northeast of Verdun near Fort Douaumont.

It was claimed that French counter attacks south of Crow's Forest were repulsed and it was further stated that the Germans captured ten square miles of territory west of the Meuse in addition to a larger area on the eastern bank of the river.

By United Press.
London, April 11.—Dispatches from Paris today say the French forces are holding their ground firmly despite the tremendous blows that the Teutons are dealing out in the battle for the possession of Verdun.

It is reported today that the fighting is hourly becoming more violent, with indications that the climax is imminent in the form of great attacks on both banks of the Meuse river.

Great gray waves of Germans are rolling against the French barricades on a six miles front northwest of Verdun and shell fire is shattering the redoubt and trenches of the defenders.

The French repelling legions are engaged in hand to hand fighting on the southern banks of the Forges brook.

Huge German Losses.

By United Press.
Paris, April 11.—An official statement issued today says the German losses in the battle of Verdun have reached the 200,000 mark.

Over 36,000 Captured.

By United Press.
Berlin, April 11.—It is semi-officially reported that the Germans have captured more than thirty-six thousand of the enemy's forces since the beginning of the Verdun offensive.

CLUB WOMAN FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

By United Press.
Chicago, April 11.—"American women believe in military preparedness against war and they will have much to do with shaping the military policy of the United States," today said Mrs. Frederick A. Dow, Chicago club woman, past general president and present general secretary of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs, who is expected to bring the matter up at the General Federation convention in New York, May 22.

"American women do not want war but they clearly see that the duty of this nation is to be prepared for any aggressor," Mrs. Dow said. "It took our army too long to get into action after the Columbus raid."

"I was talking with a proud mother of four sons the other day and she said: 'I don't want my four sons to go into battle, but when their country calls I expect them to go.'"

"Once the danger asserts itself the women of America will line up as a unit, as they have done in European countries, to repel the aggressor."

Mrs. S. L. Brown returned last night from a visit in Ada, Okla.

ONE OF THE FIRST CAMPS ON MEXICAN SOIL



American soldiers of General Pershing's command making one of their first camps on Mexican territory, at San Miguel.

DISCOVER MAN DEAD IN ROOM

J. H. Friend of Brinkman, Oklahoma, Expires at Alamo Hotel; Heart Failure
is Assigned as Cause; Word
is Sent to Family

J. H. Friend, who had registered at the Alamo hotel, in Chickasha, last night from Brinkman, Oklahoma, was found dead in his bed this morning at seven o'clock.

Friend came to Chickasha yesterday afternoon from Oklahoma City, where he stated he had been on business.

The deceased is said to have been in apparent good health when he retired last night. This morning, at 7 o'clock, D. C. Huskey, proprietor of the Alamo, rapped repeatedly on the door of the room to which Friend had been assigned, without receiving any response. Repeated knockings upon the door failing to elicit an answer, Huskey climbed upon a chair and looked into the room over the transom, which was open. Friend was lying upon the bed, under the bedclothes, his body in the natural position of one asleep. Huskey called him repeatedly and receiving no answer he secured a poker and reaching through the transom inserted the bent end of that article into the bowl of the key, which was in the door lock, and turned the lock.

Entering the room, Huskey saw immediately that the man was dead, but stated that the body seemed still warm.

The police department and the sheriff's office were at once communicated with and informed of the happening. Sergeant Looney, who was on duty at the police station, called Dr. Downey, of the Chickasha hospital, and requested him to investigate.

Dr. Downey stated, upon arrival at the room of the dead man, that he had been dead for possibly two hours and that his death had resulted from heart failure. An ambulance was called and the dead man removed to the undertaker's parlors of Claycomb and Anderson.

Friend was in his night clothing when found, but in the room was a good suit of clothes, lying where he had placed them when disrobing for the night. In his trousers pockets were found \$20.85 and a watch. Papers found in the dead man's clothes showed him to be an Odd Fellow. Sid Anderson, of the firm of Claycomb and Anderson, communicated this morning with the secretary of the Odd Fellows' lodge at Brinkman and was informed that the deceased belonged to a good family, that he was a highly respected citizen of that community and that nine people lived out quite a ways from Brinkman, on a farm. The secretary stated over the phone, that he would get in communication with the family and advise what disposition they wanted of the body. He said that he would have to make a trip to their home to tell them of the death.

J. R. Abernethie has returned from San Antonio and is looking much improved in health.

DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER

"Hey, there! What the blazes are you hollering and cackling and creating all that noise about? What the seven kinds of thunder and lightning do you mean by doubling up and twisting yourself about like a contortionist? Where do you think you are, any way, on a vanderbilt stage? Cut out the comedy and racket or I'll run you in."

The above series of questions were propounded, and the accompanying threat made to the Man on the Streets yesterday by one of the blue-clad minions of the Chickasha law.

"Come on, now," continued the officer, "come on and come clean and tell me what's bitin' you or I'll run you in for a hophead and prefer charges of natural insanity against you. What are you laughing at, anyway? Cussed if I see anything funny?"

And then the Man on the Street spluttered and caught his breath and twisted about and said, "Turn loose of my collar, you flatfoot, so I can breathe and I'll tell you of the funniest thing seen in Chickasha in many and many a day. Don't you see that man driving that wagon and team of mules? There he is, away down yonder now, by the Wren drug store. What about him, do you ask? Well, whether you'll believe it or not, that man—that fellow who is driving them mules to that there wagon, just a minute or two ago drove by this corner—this corner right here, this busy corner of Fourth and Chickasha, and a street car came along and stopped to discharge passengers, and the driver of that team of mules, Mr. Officer, stopped his team and stood at attention until after the street car had wended its weary way from this corner and the discharged passengers had got in the clear. Yes, sir, that boob actually did, that actually complied to the letter with the ordinance recently enacted by the city council of Chickasha. Now, do you blame me for laughing? Let go my collar!"

"Aw go on, you sim," said the policeman giving the Man on the Streets a parting shake, "you're dippy. That fellow's a stranger in town. He's just read the ordinance and that's all he knows about it. Got a match?"

THREE NEGROES ARE CAUGHT WITH GOODS

In a round up of the booze recently conducted by Sheriff Bailey and Deputy Castleman, the dragnet brought in and landed behind the bars three negroes who were taken in custody with a bundle of the oil-be-joyful in their possession.

The negroes are Clarence Jones, Johnson Haynes and Tom Farris. When arrested they were in a Chickasha service car alleged to be en route from Verdun to Chickasha, and had in their possession on one barrel of beer and eight quarts of mountain dew. The defendants will probably be given a hearing at an early date.

RESISTED ARREST

William Churchill, a waiter, was placed under arrest this afternoon by Officer Jack Marshall, and lodged in the city jail. It is alleged that charges of being drunk and disorderly and resisting an officer will be preferred against the prisoner tomorrow morning.

SELECTION OF WADE IS FORECAST

Democratic State Convention is in Session
at Oklahoma City; Judge Preston
Davis is Chosen as Temporary
Chairman

By United Press.
Convention Hall, Oklahoma City, April 11.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon Ben Lafayette has just withdrawn from the race for national committeeman, forecasting the unanimous election of Tom Wade.

Perfect harmony has prevailed in the convention thus far. Congressman Murray is now speaking on preparedness. The convention adjourned from 11 a. m. till 2 p. m. out of respect to the memory of Judge Furman.

By United Press.
Oklahoma City, April 11.—The Democratic state convention was called to order here at 10 o'clock this morning by Alger Melton, of Chickasha, chairman of the state committee.

Judge Preston Davis, of Vinia, upon recommendation of the committee was chosen as temporary chairman, following which the usual committees were appointed. The regular delegation from Tulsa county was seated.

At noon the supporters of Lafayette conceded that there is no chance to elect him as national committeeman and they may move to make it unanimous for Tom Wade of Marlow.

RELEASE THOMPSON UNDER \$500 BOND

Wallace Thompson, who has been confined in jail for some days awaiting trial on charges of stealing a suit of clothes from an Indian named McLish, from Stonewall, was released this morning on bond in the sum of \$500.

Judge Fuller, before whom Thompson was arraigned on charges of grand larceny some days since reduced the charges to those of petit larceny, holding the defendant in bonds in the sum of \$1,000.

This morning upon motion of defendant's attorney, Bob Alexander, of Alex, the bond was reduced to \$500, and was promptly given. Thompson's trial will be called Monday, April 17.

WIFE OF VAUDEVILLE

ARTIST COMMITS SUICIDE

By United Press.
Omaha, Neb., April 11.—Mrs. Joseph E. Howard, wife of the orpheum headliner and daughter of Michael Kilgallen, a Chicago millionaire, also former wife of Count de Beaufort, shot and killed herself here as her husband was dancing upon the stage. Jealousy is believed to have been the cause. Howard is the author of famous ragtime music.

When arrested by Officer Marshall, Churchill is said to have put up a scrap and made things lively for a few minutes. He was, it is stated, creating a disturbance on Chickasha avenue, between Second and Third streets.

BIG YEAR IN BASEBALL PREDICTED

President of Two Major Leagues, on Eve
of Opening of Season, See Teams
Cantering Along Rose-Strewn
Pathway

GREAT REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN GAME

Expect Diamond to Share in General
Prosperity of Country; Race Full of
Thrills and Close Fighting
for Pennant

A banner year in baseball is predicted by President Tener of the National league and President Johnson of the American league in statements prepared exclusively for the United Press today.

On the eve of the opening of the baseball season tomorrow, the heads of the two leagues predicted close races for the pennant and a great revival of interest in the game. The statements follow:

By John K. Tener,

(President of the National League.)
New York, April 11.—It is far from an unusual or new prediction for me to state that I believe baseball will enjoy an exceptionally prosperous and successful year this season. This is the opinion of all baseball men, generally and freely made.

The reasons for baseball men thinking it will be a great year for the National game are found in the unprecedented prosperity of the entire country and the internal conditions existing in the baseball world. It is only natural to expect that such conditions will produce extremely gratifying results in baseball. What is more natural than that the average American citizen with plenty of money in his pocket should patronize the national sport at every possible opportunity, especially when there is nothing in its management to which he can take exceptions?

From my own personal contact with business men everywhere, I am led to believe that interest in baseball has been greatly stimulated by recent developments and occurrences. I am willing to take the judgment of the average business man on this subject, as I think his opinion in most everything that interests us Americans is a good barometer on which to base a judgment. I believe the public anticipates with more genuine interest and fervor the opening of the professional baseball season this spring than it has evinced for years.

And there is a reason for this advanced interest. Conditions are settled, there are no diverting agencies in the field, harmony exists among the professional ranks, and therefore the public is assured that more good baseball will be seen on the diamond this year than has been obtained for several seasons. I am very much pleased with the existing conditions in the National league. Naturally we expect a big year. Most of the clubs have been strengthened in playing material and a strong fight for the pennant is sure to ensue from the playing of the first to the last game. Personally I expect to see a keen, spirited fight for the championship. Looking at the teams as they lined up in the south, it is absolutely beyond the ken of prophecy to say which club will win. An unusual amount of interest has been injected into the senior league by reason of the amalgamation which took place between the Chicago National and Federal league clubs. The public is quite alive to the situation as presented in the Windy City, and many conjectures are expressed as to whether the injection of the Federal league talent into the Chicago National league club will make the reconstructed team a strong contender for the championship. Several other National league clubs have added to their list of players with the exception that the acquisitions will be of material benefit to them in playing strength. Personally I have no doubt that some of these players will prove of value to the clubs which acquired their services.

Everything considered, I cannot help

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